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We are a family, building Christ-centered homes who impact their world.

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## GraceFirst Worship Service

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:1-6

Offering

Hymns of Praise

*Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed*

Advent Reading: Iverson Family

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Galatians 4:4-7, "Wretched Sinners Adopted"

Hymn of Commission - #100

Benediction

"I'd rather have Him than have riches unfold, I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands; I'd rather be led by his nail-pierced hands than to be the king of a vast domain, and be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today." – Pastor Tom Carson's Journal Entry (D.A. Carson's father)

If this is your first time at GraceFirst, we hope you'll give us the chance to get to know you better by filling out a Connection Card from the pew rack in front of you, then drop it off at the Welcome Center as you leave and pick up a small gift!

**Wireless access:** Username = GraceFirstGuest; Password = Psalm145:9

# Looking ahead

## DEC

24 Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 pm

25 Church Office closed in observance of Christmas

28 No Sunday Studies

31 No Wednesday evening activities

## JAN

1 Church Office closed in observance of New Year's Day

11 Message Sign Meeting  
11:35 am

11 Concert of Prayer  
6 pm

13 Men's Lunch Out  
11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg (Towne East Square parking lot)

16 Pitchfest  
6:00 pm | Dinner is potluck and bring a white elephant gift.

25 Youth Fundraiser Lunch  
11:30 am | Menu: TBD

25 Business Meeting  
12:30 pm | All are welcome to attend. Members will be voting on the 2026 budget.

### Next Sunday

**Sunday School, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Jordan Krahn continues  
the Advent series*

### Giving Report

Dec. 7:	\$ 23,993
4-wk avg:	\$ 15,231
YTD Giving:	\$ 570,590

### Our Elders

Kevin Angell, Chairman  
Dave Sitz, Vice-Chairman  
Sean Jahansooz, Secretary  
Mike Kuss, Stewardship  
Lowell Bergen  
Marlin Penner  
Pastor Tim Cho

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# **“Wretched Sinners Adopted”**

## **Galatians 4:4-7**

Pastor Tim Cho

Dec. 14, 2025

**Q: How does God’s work change sinners’ status when we become Christians?**

**Big Idea: The Son redeems, the Father adopts, and the Spirit confirms sinners to be His heirs.**

1. The Son has redeemed sinners from our bondage of sin
2. The Father has adopted sinners as children of the promise
3. The Spirit has filled sinners to confirm our status as His children
4. Sinners are made heirs of God’s promised blessings

### **Pray for our Church Family**

Mary Werner  
Shah & Zulfia  
Mark Goldberg

**For additional prayer needs,  
pick up the prayer sheet at  
the Welcome Desk by the  
main entrance.**

### **Recommended Reading for Nov '25 - Jan '26:**

**(All books listed are in the library)**

1. Jesus the Man, the Messiah, and the Mission:
  - a. Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Ch. 26: The Person of Christ, 663-700.
  - b. Donald MacLeod, Christ Crucified: Understanding the Atonement, Ch. 4: Substitution – the Man for Others, 79-100.
  - c. J. I. Packer, Knowing God, Ch. 18: The Heart of the Gospel, 161-180.
  - d. John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad, Ch. 1: The Supremacy of God in Missions Through Worship, 3-32.
  - e. Alvin Schmidt, How Christianity Changed the World, Ch. 15: Additional Influence – Holidays, Words, Symbols, and Expressions, 374-402.
  - f. Lee Strobel, The Case for Christ, Ch. 10-11: The Fingerprint Evidence and the Evidence of the Missing Body, 171-204.

### **GraceFirst Sermon Plans**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Preacher</b>
12/21/25	Titus 2:11-14, "God's Grace Gifted"	Pastor Krahn
12/24/25	1 John 4:10, "God's Love Given"	Pastor Tim
12/28/25	Acts 4:1-12, "The Consequences..."	Pr. McCollum
1/4/2026	Acts 4:13-21, "The Necessity..."	Pastor Jake
1/11/26	Jeremiah 1:1-3, "The Prophet's Call"	Pastor Tim
1/18/26	Jer. 2:1-4:4, "Turn, Turn, Turn"	Pastor Tim
1/25/26	Jer. 7, "Faith in All the Wrong Places"	Pastor Tim